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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUENOS AIRES -- U.S. STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED SEPTEMBER 7 BY AMBASSADOR
JOHN W. MCDONALD, JR., U.S. COORDINATOR FOR THE UN CONFERENCE
ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, FELLOW DELEGATES,
MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ON YOUR ELECTION
TO THIS HIGH POST AND, THROUGH YOU, THANK YOUR GOVERNMENT
AND THE PEOPLE OF ARGENTINA FOR THE GRACIOUS WELCOME AND
THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US
DURING OUR STAY IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

THIS CONFERENCE IS A LANDMARK, BOTH IN DEVELOPMENT TERMS
AND IN THE HISTORY OF GLOBAL UNITED NATIONS GATHERINGS.
NOT ONLY IS THIS THE FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION, BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT HAS
ALREADY TOUCHED DEEPLY RESPONSIVE CHORDS IN ALMOST EVERY
COUNTRY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND STIMULATED UNDER-
STANDING AND SUPPORT FROM ALMOST EVERY DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

THE PRACTICAL SYMBOL OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE
IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE 102 NATIONAL REPORTS SUBMITTED

TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MEMBER STATES. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE REMARKABLE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:

1. THEY ARE GREATER IN NUMBER THAN NATIONAL REPORTS PREPARED FOR ANY OTHER GLOBAL MEETING, AND REFLECT A DEEPSEATED INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.
2. THEY UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC).
3. THEY ARE CLEAR, STRAIGHT-FORWARD STATEMENTS WHICH REVEAL ENORMOUS NEEDS AND A WIDESPREAD DESIRE TO HELP MEET THOSE NEEDS.
4. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THEY ARE FILLED WITH A GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT. EVEN THE POOREST COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED TO SHARE THEIR LIMITED FACILITIES WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

NOT SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS WAS CREATED HAS THERE BEEN SUCH A GLOBAL OUTPOURING OF WILLINGNESS TO SHARE. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY NOT ALLOW THIS FAVORABLE MOMENT TO BE LOST. WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATIONS THIS CONFERENCE IS LAYING.

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WHAT IS TCDC. WE ALL HAVE SLIGHTLY VARYING DEFINITIONS, BUT I BELIEVE WE ALL AGREE THAT TCDC IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN A COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO BUILD SELF-RELIANCE AS A PART OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

WHEN DID TCDC START? ACCORDING TO THE IRAQUI NATIONAL REPORT IT BEGAN WHEN THE BABYLONIAN CIVILIZATION DEVELOPED LINKS WITH THE PHARAONIC CIVILIZATION IN EGYPT. MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE GOES BACK 20 YEARS, WHEN I HELPED BUILD A TCDC PROGRAM WITH TURKEY, IRAN AND PAKISTAN. IN ORDER TO STIMULATE THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES AT THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL, SEMINARS WERE HELD IN EACH OF THE THREE COUNTRIES IN A PARTICULAR FIELD, WITH THE HOST COUNTRY BEING AHEAD OF THE OTHER TWO IN THAT SUBJECT. THE HOST COUNTRY COULD THEN DEMONSTRATE ITS EXPERTISE TO ITS NEIGHBORS AND EXPLAIN HOW IT HAD MET AND SOLVED PARTICULAR PROGRAMS IN THAT AREA. THE FIRST SEMINARS WERE ON MINERALS IN TURKEY, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IN IRAN, AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING IN PAKISTAN. SINCE THAT TIME MORE THAN 100 SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD BY THESE THREE COUNTRIES -

FOLLOWING THE SAME MODEL - AND HAVE RESULTED IN THE
CREATION OF A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THESE
NEIGHBOR STATES.

THE UNITED STATES. OUR BILATERAL AID PRORAMS HAVE BEEN
ACTIVE IN TWO AREAS OF TCDC. THE FIRST IS WHAT WE CALL
THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING. THIS MEANS PROVIDING TRAINING IN
A COUNTRY WHICH IS NEITHER THE RECEIPIENT DEVELOPING
COUNTRY NOR THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE FINANCED SOME
36,000 PERSONS FROM OVER 100 COUNTREIS IN THIS FASHION OVER THE
PAST 20 YEARS. THIS REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER
OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED UNDER THE U.S.
PROGRAM. THE SECOND AREA HAS DEALT WITH THE CREATION OR
SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL
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AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. AID HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO HELP LAUNCH
THESE INSTITUTIONS, WHICH NOW EXIST IN MANY PARTS OF
THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND WHICH ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE
STUDENTS FROM ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

CONSTRAINTS. MANY SPEAKERS HAVE EXTOLLED THE STRENGTHS
OF TCDC, AND SOME HAVE DISCUSSED THE RELEVANT CONSTRAINTS.
INVARIABLY FINANCING HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AS THE MAIN
PROBLEM HOLDING BACK TCDC AND CERTAINLY THIS CAME
THROUGH IN VIRTUALLY EVERY NATIONAL REPORT. I HAVE
DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, IN AGREEING THAT THIS IS THE MAIN
REASON WE HAVE NOT HAD MORE TCDC IN TODAY'S WORLD.
SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE MANY REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS
PREPARED FOR THIS CONFERENCE IS THE PHRASE

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"ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS". VERY SELDOM IS THIS PHRASE DEFINED. CERTAINLY, IN SOME CASES IT MEANS ENVY, DISTRUST, IGNORANCE, OR FEAR OF ONE'S NEIGHBOR. IN OTHER CASES, IT REFERS TO LONG HISTORICAL, NOW INVISIBLE, COLONIAL LINKAGES. ONE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THESE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS EXIST AND SHOULD FACE UP TO THEM. FOR MANY COUNTRIES ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS ARE A MORE IMPORTANT CONSTRAINT ON TCDC THAN FINANCIAL BARRIERS, AND CAN ONLY BE OVERCOME BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. THIS WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK OF ALL. ONCE THIS IS DONE, HOWEVER, THE PROBLEMS OF FINANCING WELL-CONCEIVED ACTIVITIES WILL FALL INTO THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE US PUTS THE WHOLE THING VERY CLEARLY. "TCDC IS MORE THAN A PIECE OF MACHINERY. BUT TCDC CAN COME ALIVE ONLY IF IT BECOMES A WAY OF THINKING, AN ATTITUDE OF THE MIND AND INDEED, A PHILOSOPHY." MUCH HAS ALSO BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT "SELF-RELIANCE", WHICH IS, OF COURSE, A VERY POSITIVE AND NECESSARY PART OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TCDC. WE NEED, HOWEVER, TO DISTINGUISH CAREFULLY BETWEEN "SELF-RELIANCE" AND "SELF-SUFFICIENCY". "SELF-RELIANCE" THROUGH TCDC LEADS TO INCREASED INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG NATIONS, AND SHOULD LEAD ONE AWAY FROM COMPLETE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND AUTARKY.

COORDINATION. COORDINATION IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL TCDC EFFORT. EACH COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP ITS OWN MECHANISM TO SUIT ITS OWN NEEDS. IN-COUNTRY, THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HELP.

AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, MUCH GOOD WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE U.N. SYSTEM, AND THE FACT THAT FOUR COMMISSIONS HOSTED PREPARATORY CONFERENCES WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL. THEIR ROLE SHOULD CONTINUE AND BE EXPANDED.

AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EACH SPECIALIZED AGENCY, INCLUDING THE WORLD BANK FAMILY, WOULD ESTABLISH AN IN-HOUSE FOCAL POINT TO STIMULATE THINKING AND ACTION ALONG TCDC LINES.

IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE UNDP SHOULD BE THE CENTRAL POINT OF COORDINATION IN THE U.N. SYSTEM, AND THAT WITHIN THE UNDP THE PRESENT TCDC UNIT SHOULD RETAIN ITS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ITS STAFF SHOULD BE EXPANDED GRADUALLY, AS THE NEED DEVELOPS.

U.S. PROPOSALS. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TURN TO SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS WE BELIEVE WILL ENHANCE THE EVOLUTION OF TCDC.

1. THE TRILATERAL APPROACH. MANY OF THE NATIONAL
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REPORTS PREPARED FOR THIS CONFERENCE, AND SOME OF THE DELEGATES WHO HAVE SPOKEN DURING THIS GENERAL DEBATE, HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE DONOR-RECEIPIENT MODEL FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS OUTMODED AND THAT NEW APPROACHES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THE BILATERAL AID APPROACH TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR MANY YEARS, AND HAVE BEEN QUITE LIMITED IN THEIR THINKING IN THIS REGARD. THE BILATERAL MODEL LEADS VERY EASILY INTO THE "WE-THEY", "DONOR-RECEIPIENT" SYNDROME. TO BREAK THIS MENTAL PATTERN ONE NEEDS TO CHANGE THE MODEL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT A TRILATERAL APPROACH TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND, HOPEFULLY, THROUGH THIS APPROACH GIVE THE TCDC CONCEPT A REAL BOOST. BY TRILATERAL WE MEAN WHEN TWO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GET TOGETHER TO STUDY OR DISCUSS OR WORK ON A PARTICULAR PROJECT, FIND THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, AND DECIDE TO ASK A THIRD PARTY FOR SOME ADVICE OR GUIDANCE OR ASSISTANCE. THEY WOULD THEN JOINTLY APPROACH A THIRD COUNTRY OR INSTITUTION AND ASK FOR HELP. A SIMPLE IDEA, SIMPLY STATED, BUT THIS COULD BE A REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, CREATE A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM AND BREAK DOWN EXISTING BILATERAL CONSTRAINTS.

THE VERY FACT THAT TWO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE WOULD MEAN THAT AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD OVERCOMING ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS HAD BEEN TAKEN, AND THAT TCDC HAD BEEN GIVEN A PUSH FORWARD. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THAT PROCESS, ONCE BEGUN, SHOULD FAIL FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

AS A FIRST STEP IN CARRYING OUT THIS TRILATERAL APPROACH,
CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE AGREED TO ACT
AS THIS THIRD PARTY. IF APPROACHED JOINTLY BY TWO INSTITUTIONS
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OR COUNTRIES IN FIELDS IN WHICH THEY ARE PARTICULARLY COMPETENT,
THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE EXPERT ADVICE OR GUIDANCE
THEMSELVES, OR ACT AS A SWITCHING POINT AND REDIRECT
THE INQUIRY TO THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE IN THE
UNITED STATES FOR THAT PARTICULAR INQUIRY.

A. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THIS PRESTIGIOUS
NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION AND ITS SISTER BODIES
IN THE FIELDS OF ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE, HAVE LONG
BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE UNITED STATES.
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY WOULD BE PREPARED TO FUNCTION AS A
TRILATERAL PARTNER, AND OFFER ADVICE
AND SHARE EXPERIENCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS:

1. REDUCING POST-HARVEST FOOD LOSSES;
2. WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;
3. MARINE RESOURCES;
4. NATURAL PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT (FOREST PRODUCTS,

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OILS, GUMS, AND RESINS);

5. SMALL-SCALE RURAL ENERGY;
6. TRAINING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL;
7. SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS.

B. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION. THIS 50,000 MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS ALL DISCIPLINES AND SPECIALITIES IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SPECTRUM, AND HAS DONE EXTENSIVE WORK IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHARE EXPERIENCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS:

1. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE;
2. HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS;
3. APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH;
4. SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY IN HEALTH-RELATED FIELDS;
5. IDENTIFY TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

C. THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION. THE COUNCIL IS CONCERNED WITH EXTENDING THE RANGE AND ENHANCING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EQUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HAS MORE THAN 1,200 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS INSTUTIONAL MEMBERS. THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER GUIDANCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS:

1. LANGUAGE TEACHING;
2. AREA STUDIES;
3. ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION;
4. TEACHER TRAINING;
5. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES.

D. INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION. THIS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, BASED IN WASHINGTON, HAS TIES WITH OVER 3,000 CITIES, LARGE AND SMALL, ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, IN CANADA AND WESTERN EUROPE, AND IS DEDICATED TOWARD THE SOLVING OF URBAN PROBLEMS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY LIVING. THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS:

1. THE CITY MANAGER CONCEPT;
2. THE CONTROL OF URBAN GROWTH;
3. PROBLEMS OF URBAN POLLUTION;
4. TRAFFIC CONGESTION;
5. TWINNING OF TWO DEVELOPING COUNTRY CITIES WITH A CITY IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

1. INFORMATION NETWORKS. A NUMBER OF NATIONAL REPORTS TALK ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS INFORMATION GAP THAT EXISTS TODAY: THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN ONE COUNTRY ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON INTELLECTUALLY OR SCIENTIFICALLY IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OR ON OTHER CONTINENTS. VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION URGE THE STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND THE CREATION OF NEW LINKAGES IN AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFORT TO OVERCOME THIS CRITICAL DETERRENT TO TCDC. THE UNDP ITSELF HAS MOVED INTO THIS AREA WITH VIGOR. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION, AND WANT TO HELP IN THIS AREA.

IN WASHINGTON WE HAVE THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE (NTIS). THIS SERVICE HAS IN ITS FILES, ON THE COMPUTER OR MICROFICHE, THE FULL TEXT, AND ABSTRACTS, OF OVER ONE MILLION U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS COVERING AN ENORMOUS RANGE OF STUDIES OF INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. IN ADDITION, NTIS HAS ACCESS TO 160 OTHER DATA BASES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WHICH CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION ON 50 MILLION OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTES, AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. NTIS HAS SIGNED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OVER 20 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE, AND HAS SOME 150,000 NON-U.S. RESEARCH DOCUMENTS IN ITS FILES. THIS MEANS THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN ACCESS NIGERIAN AND U.S. RESEARCH ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT THROUGH NTIS BY LETTER, TELEX, TELEPHONE, OR COMPUTER. WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD JOIN THIS NETWORK.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NTIS INFORMATION MORE EASILY AVAILABLE, WE HAVE BROUGHT NTIS AND UNDP TOGETHER, AND THEY ARE NOW DISCUSSING HOW THE TCDC FOCAL POINT CAN BEST INTERACT WITH NTIS.

3. INTELSAT. THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT) IS ONE OF THE NEWEST AND, TECHNOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD. THIS 102-NATION ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME \$450 MILLION WORTH OF SOPHISTICATED SATELLITE EQUIPMENT IN THE "SPACE SEGMENT" OF ITS GLOBAL SYSTEM, IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH FAST, ACCURATE, AND INEXPENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS, SO THAT ITS MEMBER STATES CAN EFFECTIVELY EXCHANGE INFORMATION, IDEAS, AND DATA. SOME 70 COUNTRIES, MORE THAN HALF FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING WORLD, NOW OPERATE GROUND STATIONS, AND CAN INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THIS SATELLITE NETWORK.

A FEW WEEKS AGO INTELSAT'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS, WITH U.S. SUPPORT, AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A PROPOSAL FROM KUWAIT AND SEVERAL OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES THAT INTELSAT SHOULD MOVE INTO THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, IN ORDER TO HELP THOSE LESS EXPERIENCED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WHO WANTED ADVICE ON HOW TO ENTER THE ERA OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. A NEW UNIT IN THE SECRETARIAT COULD ACT AS A CATALYST BY ADVISING WHAT KIND OF A GROUND STATION WAS NEEDED IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION; WHAT FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF FINANCIAL OUTLAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED. IN OTHER WORDS,

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THE SECRETARIAT WOULD TRY TO FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT GLOBAL NETWORK, SO THAT MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES COULD EXCHANGE DATA AND INFORMATION WITH EACH OTHER. WE WELCOME THIS MOVE BY INTELSAT GENERALLY, AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, BECAUSE OF ITS POSITIVE TCDC IMPLICATIONS.

4. UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS. WE HAVE BEEN VERY STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE U.N. VOLUNTEERS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM IN 1971, AND WE FULLY AGREE WITH ITS COORDINATOR, MR. NABULSI, WHEN HE CALLS THE UNV AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT

FOR TCDC. AFTER ALL, WHEN 55 PERCENT OF THE VOLUNTEERS COME FROM 29 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT IS INDEED A REMARKABLE RECORD. THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE UNV SPECIAL FUND, AND WE HAVE ASKED OUR CONGRESS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN OUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, AS WE SAID AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, WE BELIEVE THAT THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS BE PAID FOR OUT OF A COUNTRY'S INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE (IPF) ACTS AS A CONSTRAINT ON PLACING DEVELOPING COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS INTO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM. THIS ACTION COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE UNV AS WELL AS ITS CONTINUED GROWTH. UNV IS TCDC AT ITS BEST, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS REMOVED SO THAT THE PROGRAM COULD TRULY EXPAND.

5. UNTYING OF AID. THE 35TH RECOMMENDATION IN THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION URGES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO "ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF UNTYING THEIR TECHNICAL AID, SO AS TO MAKE POSSIBLE MORE RAPID PROGRESS IN THE STRENGTHENING OF TCDC."

THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE USEFUL PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IN RECENT YEARS.

A. THE FIRST RELAXATION TOOK PLACE WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. IT WAS DECIDED THEY COULD BE USED FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND PERSONAL SERVICES ANYWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. THIS MEANS THAT THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS CAN BE HIRED TO CARRY OUT AID PROJECTS IN AN AID RECIPIENT COUNTRY.

B. LATER THIS RELAXATION WAS EXPANDED WORLDWIDE TO INCLUDE ALL DEVELOPMENT LOANS, WITH PROCUREMENT ALLOWED FROM MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

C. IN 1977, ALL GRANT ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS OPENED UP TO PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE STEPS MEAN THAT, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE MAJOR PART OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS OPEN TO PROCUREMENT FROM THE DEVELOPING WORLD. CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF OUR AID PROGRAM, THIS CONSTITUTES A MAJOR FINANCIAL RESOURCE FOR TCDC. COUNTRIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES CAN MAKE USE OF THESE PROVISIONS WHENEVER NEW PROJECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE NEGOTIATED.

6. SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG SUPPORTED REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL SUPPORT IN THIS AREA.

7. ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS.

AS THE CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GROWS AND EVOLVES, THERE MAY BE SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WILL WANT TO ORGANIZE SMALL-SCALE BILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THEIR OWN. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS EFFORT, AND ARE PREPARED TO SHARE WITH INTERESTED COUNTRIES OUR EXPERIENCE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF SETTING UP A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

8. FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (FITC).

PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS MESSAGE TO THIS CONFERENCE, SAID: "IN THE FUTURE, IT MUST INCREASINGLY BE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES - NOT JUST TECHNOLOGY ITSELF - WHICH IS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THAT IS WHY I AM ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, WHICH I HOPE WILL WORK FOR INSTITUTIONS IN YOUR COUNTRIES AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGIES."

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT A PLANNING OFFICE HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON TO DRAW UP SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS FOUNDATION, WHICH WOULD BE A SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION DRAWING ITS FINANCING FROM THE FEDERAL BUDGET. THE FOUNDATION IS EXPECTED TO START OPERATIONS NEXT YEAR. AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED IT WOULD, AMONG

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OTHER THINGS:

1. PROVIDE GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTED AT PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS ENERGY, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, AND RURAL SMALL INDUSTRY IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES.

2. HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IMPROVE THEIR INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITIES TO ASSESS, SELECT, INVENT, AND ADAPT TECHNOLOGIES; STRENGTHEN THEIR SUPPORTING SCIENCE BASE, AND IMPROVE THEIR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY INFRASTRUCTURE.

3. PROVIDE FOR COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, REIMBURSABLE SUPPORT,
AND LIAISON TO SUPPORT AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH MIDDLE-TIER
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. ESTABLISH COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN

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AMERICAN AND FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE SEEKING
BETTER SOLUTIONS FOR PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.
THE FOUNDATION IS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES
THAT IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AS WELL AS SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL GROUPINGS, TO
ADAPT AND DEVISE TECHNOLOGIES RESPONSIVE TO LOCAL
PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS NOT INTERESTED
IN IMPOSING A NORTHERN SOLUTION TO A SOUTHERN PROBLEM.
THE FOUNDATION PLANNERS ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN THE
TCDC APPROACH, AND WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THIS IDEA.

9. SUPPORT FOR TCDC. RECOMMENDATION 34 OF THE DRAFT PLAN
OF ACTION STATES THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE THEIR
FULLEST SUPPORT TO TCDC INITIATIVES BY GIVING DUE PRIORITY
IN THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO INTERCOUNTRY AND
SUBREGIONAL PROJECTS THAT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT TCDC DIMENSION,
AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE TCDC. THE

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EXAMPLES JUST GIVEN SHOW THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A GOOD START IN THIS DIRECTION. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS JUST A FIRST STEP, AND WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO SEE IF WE CAN BE EVEN MORE RESPONSIVE TO THIS IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION.

CONCLUSION. WE RECONGIZE THAT THERE IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE NORTH TO PLAY AS THIS SOUTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE UNFOLDS. WE BELIEVE IN TCDC. WE KNOW IT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT PROCESS.

BUENOS AIRES, SEPTEMBER 7, 1978.

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